Study on working of industries abroad

3852. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are hiring services of consultants to study the working of industries abroad; and

(b) if so, the names of the consultants who are in panel alongwith the terms of references, the contractual terms and the name of industries in the list to be studied ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reorganisation of Export Promotion Councils

3853.SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Strong Chinese market Sparks Optimism Among US Investors", which appeared in the Financial Express dated the 18th July, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken to attract foreign investors, reorganisation of Export Promotion Councils and Federation of Indian Export Organisations;

(d) whether the Export Promotion Councils and the Federation of Indian Export Organisations have failed to adopt the Articles of Association/ Bye-laws formulated and circulated by the Ministry of Commerce; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is aware of various factors highlighted in the article which statedly make China an important destination for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).